overseas funding of anti-national organisations by making stringent and effective rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 and the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 1976 contain adequate provision to deal with funding of anti-national organizations by individuals and organizations abroad. However, the Government is considering certain changes in the law governing the receipt and utilization of foreign contribution by voluntary organizations to remove shortcomings noticed in the present law.

The draft Bill names 'Foreign Contribution (Management and Control) Bill, 2005' as was presented to the Cabinet, has been uploaded on the Ministry of Home Affairs website: *www.mha.nic.* for seeking comments/ views of different stakeholders. This may be visited to see the salient features of the proposed legislation. The proposed Bill has been referred to the Group of Ministers by the Cabinet on 23.6.2005.

No instances of massive diversion of funds for anti-national activities have come to the notice of the Government. Adequate provisions exist in the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, which empower the Central Government to take action against foreign contribution recipient organizations, which are found contravening the provision of the Act, including acceptance of foreign contribution without registration or prior permission, or not properly utilizing it for the stated purposes and objectives. The action includes placing the organization in the prior permission category, prohibiting it from receiving any foreign contribution, freezing its bank account and prosecuting it in a court of law.

Involvement of BSF jawans in smuggling on Bangladesh border

† 2430. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether smuggling is going on in full swing on Indian border adjacent to Bangladesh;

(b) whether cases of involvement of some BSF jawans in this matter have come to light; and

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(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to stop smuggling on the borders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The Government is aware of the rampant smuggling in the Indo-Bangladesh border. From time to time involvement of few jawans of BSF in smuggling activities have come to notice of the Government. Since 2003,115 cases of BSF personnel have come to our notice. Strict disciplinary action are taken against those who are found guilty after enquiry.

To check smuggling on the border, the following steps have been taken;

(i) Round the clock surveillance of the border by patrolling;

(ii) Conduct of special operations;

(iii) Upgradation of intelligence network;

(iv) Augmentation of strength for patrolling/naka duties; and

(v) Erection of border fencing and construction of border roads.

Thuraya satellite phones with terrorists

† 2431. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that Thuraya satellite phones have been found with terrorists during an encounter with them in March, 2005 and a few days before that in Delhi whose messages cannot be intercepted in India;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that terrorists are easily bringing Thuraya telephone sets from Pakistan to India; and

(c) if so, the efforts made by Government to check this and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) In an encounter with three terrorists in Delhi on 5th March, 2005, one Thuraya Satellite/GSM phone was recovered.

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